

**To:** Arcaute, Francisco[Arcaute.Francisco@epa.gov]  
**From:** Nicole Barker  
**Sent:** Sun 4/27/2014 10:17:44 PM  
**Subject:** Re: BP spill point of contact

Francisco - I do plan to ring you later this week to talk a bit. I understand the cleanup is complete. However, someone posted a message on our Facebook account that concerned me. I feel bad that I just saw the message today so I wish my notification to you was more timely.

Here is what was sent:

- I was on Porter beach today and as I was leaving I noticed a black substance spread out on the shore. I don't want to jump to conclusions, but with the BP oil spill I am thinking it is oil from the BP oil spill. I didn't know who to contact, but Save the Dunes came to mind. Please help!!

On Mon, Mar 31, 2014 at 3:04 PM, Arcaute, Francisco <[Arcaute.Francisco@epa.gov](mailto:Arcaute.Francisco@epa.gov)> wrote:

I suggest you contact me in a few weeks once the dust settles.

Thanks

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**From:** Nicole Barker [mailto:[nicole@savedunes.org](mailto:nicole@savedunes.org)]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 31, 2014 3:04 PM  
**To:** Arcaute, Francisco  
**Subject:** Re: BP spill point of contact

Thanks so much, Francisco. I'm sure you are receiving many inquiries. Various groups and individuals are asking us about what IDEM and USEPA are doing to prevent such a thing from happening again, and what next steps might be. I am sure your team is still evaluating this, and that you will be for some time, but might you be able to let me know when you'd have more in-depth answers? I'd be happy to help set up a meeting with some of the environmental NGOs that are concerned about this when you are ready; that should help minimize the number of times you have to repeat things, which I hope will be helpful.

Best of luck with the response and post-cleanup process too. I know this can be a time-consuming effort and I appreciate you being a liaison to the public about it.

Best,

Nicole

On Mon, Mar 31, 2014 at 1:46 PM, Arcaute, Francisco  
<[Arcaute.Francisco@epa.gov](mailto:Arcaute.Francisco@epa.gov)> wrote:

Thanks for your interest in the U.S. EPA.

Here's a link to our response so far:

<http://www.epa.gov/region5/newsevents/bp-whiting-spill/index.html>

Thanks

Francisco Arcaute

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**From:** Nicole Barker [mailto:[nicole@savedunes.org](mailto:nicole@savedunes.org)]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 31, 2014 9:11 AM  
**To:** Perrecone, John  
**Cc:** Rodriguez, Karen; Beck, Judy; Arcaute, Francisco; Cannon, Phillippa  
**Subject:** Re: BP spill point of contact

Many thanks John!

On Mon, Mar 31, 2014 at 9:04 AM, Perrecone, John <[perrecone.john@epa.gov](mailto:perrecone.john@epa.gov)> wrote:

Nicole, you can call Francisco Arcaute at [312/886-7613](tel:3128867613). I think he is there now...this is his office phone but it gets forwarded to his cell in the field.

Good luck and take care!!

John Perrecone

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"We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because thorns have roses"

Abraham Lincoln

**From:** Nicole Barker [mailto:[nicole@savedunes.org](mailto:nicole@savedunes.org)]

**Sent:** Monday, March 31, 2014 8:54 AM

**To:** Rodriguez, Karen; Beck, Judy; Perrecone, John

**Subject:** BP spill point of contact

Hi Karen, Judy and John -

I am hoping you can direct me to the staff person at EPA who is managing the BP spill communication. Now that things are settled a bit more I'm hoping to touch base with them to get some additional details.

Can you let me know? Thanks for your team's quick response to the spill - we are glad that you, IDEM and the company were there quickly.

Thanks

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